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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For the more Effectual Putting in Execution a Law, Intituled, *An Act for Raising Recruits for the Land-Forces and Marines, and for Dispensing with Part of the Act for the Encouragement and Encrease of Shipping and Navigation, during the present War.*

ANNE R.

WHereas it is Necessary that Our Forces that are to Act in Conjunction with the Forces of Our Allies, be speedily Supplied with a Sufficient Number of Recruits, to Render them Compleat, for the more Vigorous Carrying on the War against France and Spain, and Continuing to Us and Our Allies, the great Advantages obtained by the Success of Our and their Arms last Summer, We have therefore thought fit (by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council) to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all the several and respective Justices of the Peace of every County and Riding within this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, and every Mayor or Head-Officer or Officers of every City or Town Corporate within this Real, having Justices of the Peace, who have no Military Office or Employment other than in the Militia of this Kingdom, That the said Justices, or any Three or more of them, and also the said Mayors or Head Officers of every such City or Town-Corporate, together with Two or more Justices of the Peace of the same City or Town-Corporate respectively, or in Default of such Justices, then with Two or more Justices of the Peace of the County wherein such City or Town is (for the Raising Soldiers to Recruit Our Land-Forces that are to Act in Conjunction with the Forces of Our Allies, in Carrying on the present War, and for the Encreasing the Number of Men in the several Companies of Marines) do forthwith, and from time to time, until the First Day of March next ensuing, within their respective Limits and Jurisdictions, Effectually put in Execution the Statute made in the Second Year of Our Reign, Intituled, [An Act for Raising Recruits for the Land-Forces and Marines, and for Dispensing with Part of the Act for the Encouragement and Encrease of Shipping and Navigation, during the present War] according to the Powers thereby to them respectively Granted, and do Raise and Levy such Able-bodied Men as have not any Lawful Calling or Employment, or Visible Means for their Maintenance and Livelihood, to Serve as Soldiers for the Purposes aforesaid, other than such Persons who have Votes in the Election of any Member or Members to Serve in Parliament in any County, City, Borough, Town, Port or Place, within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And that the respective Justices and Officers aforesaid, do Require and Command all and every the High Constables, Petty Constables, Head-Boroughs and Tythingmen, within their respective Jurisdictions, to be Aiding and Assisting to them in putting the said Act in Execution; And for that purpose do Issue out their Warrants, under the Hands and Seals of any Three or more such Justices or Magistrates, as are by the said Act Authorized to Levy and Raise such Soldiers, thereby Requiring and Commanding such High-Constables, Petty-Constables, Headboroughs and Tythingmen, every or any of them, to bring before such Justices and Magistrates, as aforesaid, or any Three or more of them, any such Person or Persons described, as aforesaid; And that the said Justices and Magistrates, Authorized to put the said Act in Execution, do Carefully Examine the Persons brought before them, whether they be such Persons described, as aforesaid: And if they shall find them to be such as are intended by the said Act to be Entertained as Soldiers in Our Service, That they Cause such Persons to be Delivered over, according to the Directions of the said Act, unto such Officer or Officers belonging to Our Forces, as shall be appointed to Raise and Receive such Men within every County, Riding, City or Place respectively. And the respective Officer who shall receive such New-raised Men, is hereby Required, according to the Direction of the said Act, out of the Levy-Money to Pay every Person so Raised Twenty Shillings, and to the Constable or other Parish-Officer imployed in the Raising of them, any Sum not exceeding Ten Shillings a Man, to be Ascertained by the Justices and other Magistrates Authorized to put the said Act in Execution; And to Cause the Articles of War against Mutiny and Desertion to be Read to such New-raised Men, in the Presence of such Justices or Magistrates, who are hereby Required to cause an Entry or Memorial thereof to be made, together with the Names of the Persons raised, and to deliver to the Officer appointed to receive them, a Certificate thereof in Writing, under the Hands and Seals of such Justices or Magistrates, attested by Two or more Witnesses. And the Justices of the Peace and Magistrates of every respective County, Riding, City or Place, before whom any Person shall be Listed in Pursuance of the said Act, are hereby Required, according to the Directions of the said Act, at the next General Quarter-Sessions for such County, Riding, City or Place, to Exhibit an Account, under their Hands and Seals, of the Names of the several Persons by them so Listed, at any Time preceding such respective General Quarter-Sessions, together with the Names of the Parishes from whence, and the Parish-Officers by whom, and the Times when such Persons were Brought and Listed, and of the Names of the Officers to whom such Persons were Delivered, and of the Regiment and Company to which such Officers belonged, to the End that such Account may be kept by the Clerk of the Peace of such County, Riding, City or Place, among the Records thereof. And We do hereby Require and Charge all Our said Justices of the Peace, Mayors and other Officers, That they do Use their utmost Diligence in the due Execution of the said Act, and that all High-Constables, Petty-Constables, Headboroughs and Tythingmen, be Aiding and Assisting to them therein, on Pain of Our High Displeasure, and of such Pains and Punishments as may by Law be Inflicted on such who shall Neglect so Necessary a Service.

Given at Our Court at St. *James's*, the Eighteenth Day of December, 1704. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

ANNE R.

WHereas several Mariners in Our Service, in Our Ships of War, and other Ships, have had Leave by Tickets Signed by Our Flag-Officers, to be absent from their Duty for a time limited in such Tickets, and several officers of them are now absent without any such Leave, for whose Service We have present Occasion; We have therefore thought fit (by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council) to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby strictly Charge and Command all such Mariners in Our Service, That they do repair on board the Ships to which they respectively belong, at or before the times hereafter mentioned; that is to say, All such of them as are now absent without such Leave, on or before the Tenth Day of January next ensuing, and such of them as are absent by Leave as aforesaid, on or before the Thirtieth Day of January next, upon pain of being made, Run, upon the Ships Books to which they belong, and proceeded against with the utmost Rigour that the Law will allow of, for deserting Our Service. And whereas upon humble Application, We have been Graciously pleased to pardon Four Persons who did lately desert Our said Service, expecting that by such Our Clemency, not only they, but others in the like Station, will hereafter give a more strict and constant Attendance upon their Duty; We do hereby therefore Declare, That if any such Mariners shall presume, to leave Our said Service for the future, or shall not return to their Duty by the times limited by this Our Proclamation, they shall be proceeded against with the utmost Severity according to Law, and that We shall not in any wise esteem them as fit Objects of Our Mercy.

Given at Our Court at St. *James's* the Twenty third Day of December, 1704. In the Third Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

ANNE R.

WHereas We have thought fit, for the better Reforming the Abuses and Immorality of the Stage, That a New Company of Commedians should be Establish'd for Our Service, under stricter Government and Regulations than have been formerly.

We therefore, reposing Especial Trust and Confidence in Our Trusty and Well-beloved John Vanbrugh and William Congreve Esqrs; for the due Execution and Performance of this Our Will and Pleasure; do Give and Grant unto them the said John Vanbrugh and William Congreve, full Power and Authority to form, constitute and establish for Us, a Company of Comedians, with full and free Licence to Act and Represent in any convenient Place, during Our Pleasure, all Commedies, Tragedies, Plays, Interludes, Opera's, and to Perform all other Theatrical and Musical Entertainments whatsoever; and to settle such Rules and Orders, for the good Government of the said Company, as the Chamberlain of Our Household shall from time to time direct and approve of.

Given at Our Court at St. *James's* this Fourteenth Day of December, in the Third Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

KENT.

Gibraltar